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## Army Smoke Ration Takes Hold Sunday

The Army's nation-wide cigarette rationing plan goes into effect at McGuire and all other military installations in the U. S. Sunday, June 3, according to a recent WD circular.

The new ration-system cards, which have already been distributed, will allow McGuire patients to purchase ten packs of cigarettes, or 32 cigars or 8 ounces of smoking tobacco per week.

In addition, military duty personnel, civilians authorized by regulations to purchase at army installations, and not more than one adult dependent each, who also must be authorized to purchase from a sales commissary, will be permitted to purchase six packs of cigarettes, or 24 cigars or 4 ounces of smoking tobacco per week.

The ration cards, an orange card for military and their dependents and a green card for civilians and their dependents who buy at Army posts, are based on a point system, one point for each purchase of three packs of cigarettes. Thus there are two points for each week.

Dependents of soldiers and civilians on the post eligible for ration cards must apply for them in person at the Post Exchange.

## Baby Photos to Aid In MGH Father's Day Celebration

Proud papas will have the opportunity to celebrate their own Father's Day at McGuire.

The Red Cross recreation staff has announced a photo contest open to all patients to find the prettiest baby of a McGuire father. Judging of the babies will take place Father's Day, June 17, in the Red Cross auditorium.

Prizes will be awarded to the papas to send home to the babies selected. Babies must be four years old or under. Pictures must be submitted with name and ward number of Daddy to a Grey Lady or Red Cross recreation worker before June 15.

## Hospital to Lose 'Ancy,' McGuire Charter Member

WOJG Walt Ancypowic is leaving McGuire.

"Ancy," as he is known affectionately to his co-workers in the Supply Division and to hundreds of McGuire ball fans, was in the first group of military personnel to be assigned in December, 1943, to a farmhouse on the hospital site, which then was used as McGuire headquarters.

He leaves this week for Camp Beale, California.

Ancy came to McGuire as one of five warrant officers—three now remain—and with Colonel Duggins and three additional officers.

Assigned as assistant chief, Medical Supply, the energetic Pennsylvanian recalls, "We worked on empty boxes with one typewriter to order our first supplies. I got to feel like McGuire is my baby, because I watched it grow from little more than a mudhole."

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**EVERYBODY KNOWS JIMMY MASON**—The happy-go-lucky red-head who wheels around all the day jabbering like Donald Duck—that's him. He doesn't get around much any more since he found a buddy. For one afternoon some benign soul placed on his bedside table . . . a toy duck. And the two spend numberless hours now talking about things that plain people just don't understand. Jolly Jimmy lives in Charleston, W. Va. He lost a foot in combat action in Germany.

## Equipment on Way to Make Theater Modern Playhouse

The McGuire Post Theater will, within the next six weeks, emerge as a fully equipped and modernly decorated theater with the already ordered addition of stage curtains, spotlights and cushioned seats, according to Lt. John J. Berman, special services officer.

The curtains, which are due here in about three weeks, will include a front curtain of red velour, a movie screen curtain of blue, and border curtains and side drops of gold.

Another innovation in the Post Theater will be the installation of an electric remote control system which will allow the theater men to open and close the various curtains by pushing buttons in the projection booth and backstage. This system will also control the lighting facilities.

One 2,000-watt spotlight will be

installed together with twelve 400-watt baby spots. The lighting system is expected to be intact within the next four to six weeks.

To complete the remodeling of the theater, 350 cushioned, plywood-backed seats are expected to arrive at any moment ready for immediate installation.

At the completion of the renovating, according to Lt. Berman, all stage shows entertaining at McGuire will not only appear in the Red Cross Hall for the patients, but will also present an additional show at the Post Theater for all duty personnel.

## Lt. Leeds Gets Baltimore Post; Lt. Edmonds New PRO

Lt. Howard B. Leeds, McGuire public relations officer since the hospital's activation, will leave this week to take over duties of assistant public relations officer for Third Service Command.

He will be succeeded by Lt. Chris J. Edmonds, heretofore assistant PRO at McGuire. Lt. Edmonds, before his induction, served in the Milwaukee bureau of Associated Press and on the staff of the Milwaukee Sentinel.

Lt. Leeds, while at McGuire, created the "Open House at McGuire" radio show broadcast weekly over WRVA, as well as numerous other local and network programs broadcast from here. Before entering the Army, he held a public relations post with the Office of the Quartermaster General.

## Top o' the Mornin'!

Ipswich, Mass. (CNS)—Unaware that his truck was afire, Driver Joe Blake gaily waved back at all the people who flagged their arms at him as he sped through town. He thought they were being friendly. Blake was halted by a cop just before the flames reached his cab.

## 50 McGuire Patients Make First Stripes

Fifty former overseas combat veterans, now patients at McGuire, were notified this week that, effective June 1, they will be upped to the grade of private first class.

The mass promotions came as a result of a memorandum to ward officers authorizing recommendations for promotions of all patients deemed qualified but denied stripes

## One Patient Buys \$5,250 In War Bonds

Largest cash purchase of War Bonds on record at McGuire was made this week by a Ward 31 patient.

The record breaker is Captain Frank Nichols, who paid out \$5,250 to further boost McGuire sales toward the hospital quota of \$110,000 for cash purchases in the Seventh War Loan.

Giving the drive an added upward shove, Landon P. West, of the post engineer's shop, augmented his War Bond collection with a cash outlay of \$2,250.

Large purchases will do much to help McGuire complete its huge Mighty Seventh quota, observed Lt. Velma R. White, War Bond officer. "They will not complete the quota alone, however," she declared. "There are still many individuals on the post who have bought no Bonds at all. Those are the people who can pull the quota through. It should be realized by everyone that even if we were to reach our mark with large purchases by a few, we will have failed to do our job."

"A drive like the Seventh War Loan," she continued, "is successful only when everyone backs it up with any small amount—so long as it is all they can afford."

McGuire this month took first place among general hospitals in Third Service Command for Class A Pay Reservations with 11.5% of its total civilian payroll allotted to Bonds. While the figure represents an increase in pay reservations over last month, it still falls short of service command's goal of 15% of the total payroll.

because of lack of vacancies in tables of organization. The memo followed previous authority from the Third Service Command for promotions of privates who qualified while overseas but were held down by TO restrictions.

Promotions at McGuire were made on the basis of "exemplary conduct in the wards and a display of cooperation with ward personnel."

According to the memorandum, the procedure of promotions for patients "will be a continuous process, and ward officers will always be on the alert to recommend worthy men for promotion to the grade of private first class."

Names of patients benefitting from the wholesale promotion are listed in "Bars and Stripes," page two.

## McGuirettes Drop Close Contest To Ordinance

BULLETIN!

In one of the closest games of the season, the McGuirettes dropped a 4-3 decision to the Fair Grounds Ordinance softballers last night at Fonticello Park.

Holding a one-run advantage going into the first half of the fifth inning, the McGuirettes saw Ordinance take the lead, bringing the score to 2-1. McGuire, rallying, netted one run in their half of the same inning to tie the count at 2-2.

Ordinance in the sixth grabbed the lead and the game with a hitting spree that saw two more of its players cross the home sack. McGuire scored another run in the closing moments of the ball game, but lost the tilt by the one-run margin.

Winning pitcher was Elder, who had four strikeouts to her credit. Poore, working the mound for McGuire, struck out two of the Ordinance batsmen.

(See page four for box score.)

## George League Elected Head Of Civilian Welfare Center

Civilian Recreation Center No. 1 held its first business meeting in the Richmond Hotel Friday and elected Mr. George T. League, president; Mr. Phillip Dalton, vice-president, and Miss Mary Bell, secretary.

The assembled members also approved Mr. Ted Kliger, Mrs. Mildred Elsea and Miss Helen White as members of the Civilian Welfare

**An important emergency meeting of the Civilian Recreation Center No. 1 will be held in the Red Cross Hall today at 4:30 p.m.**

**The meeting is scheduled to last about 30 minutes. All center members are asked to attend.**

Council, and Mr. League appointed various committees, including Eleanor Huttig, entertainment; Kay Mulvey, grievance; Helen White, ways and means; Rosalie Ottolengui, membership; Louise Beverly, rules, and H. W. Mack, publicity.

Mr. Roland Troxler, as chief

civilian personnel branch, automatically assumed the office of custodian of the fund.

Seventy-one members of the council were present at the meeting which also saw a discussion of a suitable location for the center's planned clubroom. Several sites are still under consideration.

The first business meeting of Center No. 2 will be held Thursday evening at 8 o'clock at Union Hall, corner of Decatur Street and Petersburg Pike.

Three members of the Administrative Council and a President, Vice-President and Secretary of the center will be elected by the assembled members.

Organization of the center will be completed by the appointment of the following committees: membership, grievance, rules, ways and means and entertainment.

Membership of Center No. 1 has reached the 198 mark, and Center No. 2 boasts of 154 members.



Mr. Ancypowic takes his cut during a recent softball game.



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# Edward Bell's Mother 'Knew A Lot About Those Things'

By SGT. DICK BRUNER

When Cpl. Edward Bell, of Moundsville, W. Va., arrived home after 33 months as a prisoner of the Japs and was told by doctors that his left leg, rendered useless by enemy shell fragments, would have to be amputated—he worried mainly about the effect the news would have upon his mother.

But he needn't have worried for long.

Bell's mother understood.

Returning home on furlough recently the 24-year-old corporal broke the news to his mother. "She didn't cry a bit, although her eyes were shining with tears," said Bell. "She told me, 'I shed all my tears while you were a Jap prisoner.'

"And then she said it would be much better to have an artificial limb than my useless stick. My mother knows a lot about those things. She used to be a nurse," the corporal added.

Bell was wounded and captured by the Japs on the same day—the day the island of Corregidor surrendered. Working with a 17-man mortar crew, Cpl. Bell's leg was shattered in the morning by flying shrapnel fragments. At noon the same day, May 7, 1942, the island was surrendered to the Japs and an hour and a half later Bell and his buddies were taken prisoners and three months they were transported to the Bilbid prison camp at Manila.

**BEATEN WITH CLUBS**

According to the corporal, the Japs got quite a kick out of punishing the Americans, beating them with heavy clubs or slashing them with bayonets and swords.

"We had orders to salute every Jap we saw, officers and enlisted men," Bell reported. "And one day while on my way to get a haircut by a GI barber I failed to see a

Jap NCO walking nearby.

"However, I saw him a few moments later while sitting on a bench outside the barber shop and started to get up to bow. I lost my balance because of my crippled leg and fell down. I tried to get up again but the Jap didn't wait. He started beating me with his fists.

"I didn't dare fight back or several other of our guys would have been tortured in reprisal.

"Then the Jap picked up a heavy stick and began beating me with it. He kept beating me hard for about five minutes, all the while cursing in Japanese. Then he turned and walked away. None of our guys dared even to look sympathetic or they would have been beaten or killed," the corporal added.

On February 4, 1945, the Jap guards at Bilbid took off hurriedly. The American prisoners had a good idea what prompted such action, but the majority of them were too weak and sick to move about and attempt to learn the cause of the Jap retreat.

**YANKS ARRIVE**

Shortly after the guards left, doughboys of the American 37th Division put their heads through the hospital windows and asked: "Who's in there?"

Back came the reply in weak, excited voices: "Americans! Who are you?"

"I don't think I'll ever forget the thrill when we heard our answer—in English—'We're the Americans who have come here to get you out of this,'" the corporal concluded.

A plane trip to McGuire followed the liberation, and Bell, who weighed 136 pounds before capture and who went down to 87 pounds while at Bilbid, now weighs 154—more than he has ever weighed before.

## Bars and Stripes

- To Staff Sergeant
- Sgt. Joseph V. Gorey
- To Sergeant
- Cpl. Carroll H. Wassum
- T-4 Albert E. Zipnick
- To Technician 4th Grade
- T-5 Richard Quinn
- T-5 James S. Sheahan
- To Corporal
- Pfc. Horace D. Farrar
- Pfc. Leonard E. Taborelli
- To Technician 5th Grade
- Pfc. Barbara A. Allison
- Pfc. Eleanor M. Chesley
- Pfc. Harriett J. Egan
- Pfc. Hinrich H. Fruechtenicht
- Pfc. Alfred M. Orange
- Pfc. Roger I. Peters
- Pfc. Louisa C. Re
- Pfc. Edgar O. Rettschlag
- Pfc. Emil F. Rizzi
- Pfc. Henry C. Roitz
- Pfc. Fred Schuessler

- To Private First Class (Patients)
- Pvt. Harry S. Adams, Jr.
- Pvt. Charles W. Anderson
- Pvt. Charles Belotsky
- Pvt. Albert W. Berger
- Pvt. Milton J. Bland
- Pvt. Nathaniel Blount
- Pvt. Raymond M. Campbell
- Pvt. Frank Castelluccio
- Pvt. Joseph A. Codd
- Pvt. Harry E. Coker
- Pvt. Sam M. Congonello

- Pvt. Frank J. Deegan
- Pvt. William E. Derreth
- Pvt. Clyde W. Griffin
- Pvt. Robert E. Harris
- Pvt. William P. Huffman
- Pvt. Cinet Hughart, Jr.
- Pvt. Stoy L. Hyde
- Pvt. John F. Jordan
- Pvt. Ernest J. Kessler
- Pvt. Lyle L. Krist
- Pvt. Clifford Lucas
- Pvt. James S. Lynn
- Pvt. George C. MacDonald
- Pvt. Robert G. McCall
- Pvt. William E. McDowell
- Pvt. Francis P. McMullen
- Pvt. Roy E. Meadows
- Pvt. William T. Miller
- Pvt. Alton W. Moore
- Pvt. Boyle Naughton
- Pvt. Julian L. Oakley
- Pvt. Ralph W. Parham
- Pvt. Lionel Pheil
- Pvt. Franklin V. Pursell
- Pvt. Paul B. Rosamilla
- Pvt. William E. Schade
- Pvt. Karl W. Schaubhuth
- Pvt. Yuen H. Sin
- Pvt. William F. Smith
- Pvt. William A. Smith
- Pvt. Chester A. Tankersley
- Pvt. John A. Thoman
- Pvt. Denver R. Thomas
- Pvt. Jack B. Thomas
- Pvt. Lloyd D. Veach
- Pvt. Haston Waggoner
- Pvt. Arnold D. Watterton
- Pvt. Anthony A. Yasurek

- To Private First Class (Detachment)
- Pvt. Rhoda S. Saletan



To all you new McGuire "guests" who are looking for a cool and comfortable place to read, write or listen to the classics, we welcome you to the library. The library and music room are located on the basement floor of building 207 and are open weekdays from 8 a.m. till 9 p.m., on Saturdays from 8 a.m. till 5 p.m., and Sundays from 1 p.m. till 9 p.m. You can find all the latest magazines, newspapers and old and new books.

From the pages of "Stars and Stripes" and "Yank" steps GI Joe in book form. More than three hundred cartoons of this hard-working, "military misfit" have been included—never before published in this country. "GI Joe" was born in "Yank" June 17, 1942. Lt. Dave Breger is the proud father.

Another new book added to the library this week is the new Col. Primrose mystery by Leslie Ford, **The Philadelphia Murder Story**. This is the first Col. Primrose story and one of a very few mystery novels in which real people under their own names play amusing and exciting roles.

Stories of adventure and daring are always best sellers regardless of the age of the book or reader. **Swift Flows the River**, by Nard Jones, is the story of Caleb Paige, whose dream and ambition was to become a steamboat pilot on the rushing waters of the Columbia River. Although married to one woman and in love with another, the river was his first love that had no rival.

In another time and place is the witty, salty tale of a Yankee skipper in the year 1793. **The Private Adventure of Captain Shaw**, by Edith Shay, tells the story of a young Cape Cod sea captain and his adventures in Paris in the days of the Reign of Terror.

And speaking of sea stories—Horatio Hornblower is back again and his most recent exploits are told with characteristic vividness and style in **Commodore Hornblower** by C. S. Forester.

**Fat Construction Prices Slowing Up GI Home Loans**

Washington (ACS)—Rising prices in real estate are throwing a damper on attempts of former GIs to buy homes and farms under loan provisions of the GI Bill of Rights. So far only 2,000 sales have been put through under the bill, while hundreds of applications have been rejected by government appraisers for what they considered "inflated or excessive" selling prices.

Blame for this condition has been laid to the housing shortage, lack of new construction, unavailability of small dwellings for purchase at prices within reach of the veterans, and a backlog of funds seeking release.

Even though they realize that prices are out of line, some veterans still want to buy. Officials are urging these "eager beavers" to take it easy, for a return to normal prices is expected when new construction begins.

As for farms, officials of the Department of Agriculture are advising vets to lease them for the time being because of the continued increase in farm prices.

Government agencies are bending over backward to give the former service men and women a break, but they are determined to protect them from the after effects of buying property at abnormal prices.

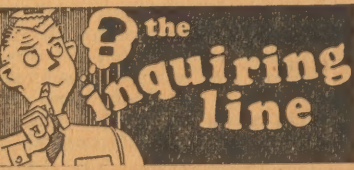
Capt.: "Pvt. Jones, it gives me great pleasure to present you with these two stripes."

Pvt. Jones: "Why not give me three, sir, and really enjoy yourself,"



"Fresh, spirited American troops, flushed with victory, are bringing in thousands of hungry, ragged, battle weary prisoners." (News item.)

This drawing won for Sgt. Bill Mauldin, "Stars and Stripes" famed cartoonist, the 1944 Pulitzer Prize for cartoons: It is reprinted here by permission of United Features Syndicate.



**Q. May I designate more than one person to receive primary benefits from my National Service Life Insurance, and if so, am I able to designate the amounts to go to each?**

A. Yes, you may designate as many principal beneficiaries as you wish, and the portion of the monthly payments to go to each. You must designate persons who are eligible, however (your wife, children, brothers, sisters, etc.).

**Q. If I am totally disabled, must I continue to pay on my National Service Life Insurance?**

A. Not if you are continuously and totally disabled for six months or longer, and if such disability occurred after the policy was in force. Total disability is defined as any impairment of the mind or body which renders it impossible to follow any substantially gainful occupation. This applies while you are in the army and also after you are discharged.

**Q. Must I convert my National Service Life Insurance policy when I am discharged from the Army?**

A. No, the original "term" policy you took may be converted at any time after the first year it is in force, but it must be converted before the end of the fifth year it is in force.

(For more information, see Lt. Art Laibly, AGF Liaison Officer, in the A & D Building, or call Ext. 259.)

## Lowest 'Class E' Check: 51c to Insurance Firm

The Class E Allotment checks authorized by Army personnel range from half a dollar to nearly \$1,000 dollars.

Smallest payroll deduction is for 51 cents and covers one GI's monthly premium to a civilian insurance company.

Largest "E Allotment" is for \$932 a month, authorized by a general.

## Where There Is Smoke—

Buffalo, N. Y. (CNS)—The Rev. Alfred G. Butzer married the terse looking couple who stood before him at Westminster Presbyterian Church. Then he turned around. His altar was afire.

## McGuire Scroll of HONOR

The following McGuire civilian employees have completed one year of consecutive service:

Dorothy E. Epps, Beatrice S. Hayes, Arletha G. Jones, Fay O. Metts, Virginia C. Parham, Mess and Dietetics; Alice S. Montague, Ivory W. Wilder, Laundry; Emmett L. Hall, Willie Jordon, Hospital Police and Personnel; Jean Beahm, X-Ray.

## Chapel Schedule

**PROTESTANT**

Sunday Service.....9:30 a.m.

**CATHOLIC**

Sunday Mass.....8:30, 10:30 a.m.

Daily Mass .....12 noon

Confessions.....Saturday, 6:30-8 p.m.

Daily before noon

**JEWISH**

Friday Services.....6:45 p.m.

## Ancypowic

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Soon after he arrived, he was assigned as Consolidated Property Officer.

While "Ancy" as a nickname was a natural which stuck since his first day here, "Timoshenko" is another monicker he earned which will never appear on his dogtags. A glance at Ancy and at a photograph of the Soviet blitzkrieger will explain why.

Ancy doesn't know how much ball he'll be able to play where he's going, "but I'm sure going to miss the Generals," he says wistfully. A standby on the basketball quintet, Ancy's staccato pitching delivery earned him a spot on last year's softball mound staff. This year he's taking a fling at the infield.

"And among things I'll remember," he concludes, "will be from last year's softball club—Coach Sheppeck's shorts."

Last Christmas Day, Ancy announced his engagement to Lt. Elizabeth J. Moore of the Operating Room staff.

Master: "How are the eggs this morning?"

Maid: "I wouldn't know. I only laid the table."

—BUY WAR BONDS—STAMPS—



# Civilian Pay Raises Now in Lower House

Hefty pay raises for McGuire civilian employees appeared in sight with passage by the Senate of a civil service pay bill providing for increases averaging 15.3% for all government employees.

The measure is now under consideration in the House of Representatives Civil Service Committee, and will become law when both the

## Money for Horse? Army Says Neigh

(ACS)—This has been a sad war for horses. They've been displaced by jeeps, tossed out of work at the race tracks, and now it turns out that they're not eligible to receive Class E Allotments.

The matter of equine allotments came up when a GI from out West applied for a "Class E" for his horse, explaining that the animal was his best pal and a dependent.

The Office of Dependency Benefits explained back that while the



horse was undoubtedly a very intelligent and noble animal, it was not a proper recipient—and furthermore it might have some trouble in endorsing an allotment check.

The ODB quickly pointed out, however, that it would be perfectly easy for the soldier to authorize a Class E Allotment to a human dependent or relative, who could arrange to keep the horse in the oats to which it was accustomed.

This solved the problem for the friend of man's best friend, and at last reports the GI and the gee-gee were both completely satisfied.

## 'Best From Yank' Hits Newstands

New York (CNS)—"The Best from YANK," a collection of selected stories, articles, cartoons, artwork and photographs which have appeared in YANK, The Army Weekly, from its first issue in the summer of 1942 through the fall of 1944, now is on sale in civilian bookstores throughout the U. S. Eventually it will be available for purchase at Army Post Exchanges and Navy, Marine and Coast Guard Ships Service Stores. At civilian bookstores, the price is \$3.50 per copy.

## Wholesale Bond Buyer



67 TO 70 INCLUSIVE—Frank M. Van Staden, of post engineer's Plant, now owns seventy \$25 Bonds, all purchased on the post since February, 1944. He bought the last four this week (above) from Mrs. Henley Rennolds and Captain Aubrey R. Neil in the Finance Office. How does he get them all? Easy. He takes the quota for each civilian and multiplies by two. Then he adds some for good measure. Besides a \$25 pay reservation every pay day, Mr. Van Staden has bought \$281.25 in bonds for cash since the Seventh War Loan started.

Senate and the House reach full accord on its provisions.

The bill, introduced in the Senate by Senator Sheridan Downey of California would raise the base pay of Federal white collar workers by a cash range of \$240 to \$800. The bill provides for a 20 per cent increase on the first \$1200 in salary; 10 per cent additional on the salary difference between \$1200 and \$4600; and five per cent additional on the balance above \$4600. This pay increase, following the formula recommended by the War Labor Board, would result in 20 per cent raises for lower-salaried employees and 8.9 per cent raises for those in the higher brackets.

These raises would figure out as follows: \$1440 to \$1704; \$1620 to \$1902; \$1800 to \$2100; \$2000 to \$2320; \$2300 to 2650; \$2600 to \$2980.

The Senate bill also recommended that automatic in-grade promotions be made every 12 to 18 months, depending on salaries, instead of every 18 to 30 months, as formerly; endorsed a provision permitting employees with sufficiently high efficiency ratings to be promoted beyond the middle of their grade; and voted to give the Civil Service Commission authority to fix starting salaries for new employees up to and including the middle of the grade instead of starting at the minimum salary, as at present.

## JWB to Sponsor House Party Series

A series of Sunday afternoon house parties for servicemen in the homes of Richmond families has been announced by the USO-Jewish Welfare Board.

The parties, which will be held monthly, will get under way June 3. Hostesses, refreshments and summer sports will be featured.

Cars will leave at 2 p.m. Sunday from the Servicemen's Center, 1117 West Franklin Street.

## Patton's Army Ready To Blast Jap Troops

3d Army Front (CSN)—The hard-hitting, fast-moving 3d Army is headed for the Pacific. That word comes from its commander, Gen. George S. Patton. After men with high point scores who are not deemed essential have been screened as "surplus" the 3d—now consisting of 12 infantry and six armored divisions—will be moved to the Far East to give the Japs some lessons in the science of armored warfare. When the war ended in Europe, Gen. Patton's army was the largest in American history.



## Old Rackets Dressed Up To Lure GI

NEW YORK (ACS)—The easy-money boys are dressing up the old fashioned rackets to lure the unsuspecting veteran and relieve him of his mustering out pay and his savings.

Gypsters, lying in wait for the ex-GI who is anxious to get started in a postwar job or business, are ready to practice all the old dodges and a few new ones.

They tempt the veteran with worthless shares in inventions, or "territorial rights" for the sale of some article or service in exclusive territory. Fake employment agencies collect registration fees and do nothing in return. Other racketeers sell half interest in enterprises which are non-existent.

Allen E. Backman of the National Better Business Bureaus, Inc., warns veterans against the "cash bond" scheme, a favorite of the gyp artists.

Typical is the branch manager gag. You answer an ad and the interview is set, usually in the town's best hotel. You're impressed by the advertiser whose appearance harmonizes with "big business." Then comes the build-up and when he decides you're the man his company wants, he's ready for the kill. "Naturally," he says, "the company expects employees in positions of trust to post a cash bond of \$500." You can talk yourself blue in the face, but he won't accept a surety bond which is the normal procedure. You don't want this "opportunity" to slip from your fingers so you shell out. When you report for work some days later you find yourself behind the eight ball, for the glib one has disappeared—along with your savings.

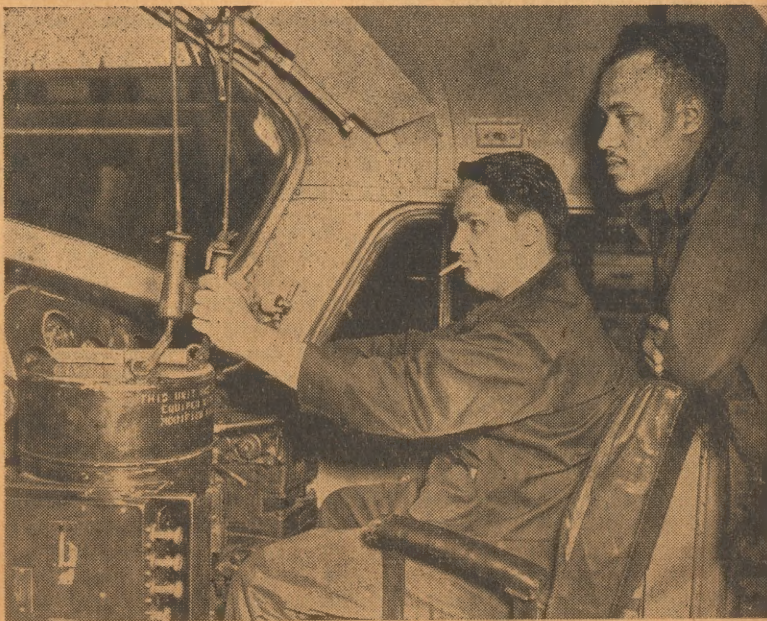
Keep away from the fur farm swindle. In that one you buy breeding stock, with promises that the slickers will buy the offspring. Absentee farming sometimes covers another pitch. Usually it's an orange grove. All you have to do is sit and wait for profits. It's a long wait.

Don't pay fees for "advice" that you can get free from the Veterans Administration or local bankers; don't buy a farm unless you know something about farming; don't buy a partnership in what might be a phoney outfit.

The Better Business Bureau advises, "Hang onto your dough and investigate before investing!"

Are you unable to rest at night? Is your sleep disturbed? Do you hear bells ringing and doors opening in your dreams? Do you wake up tired in the morning? You've been CQ too often.

## Patients Get Dope on Railroading



MORE THAN 200 PATIENTS gathered on the hospital loading platform last Thursday morning to find one of Atlantic Coast Line's 2,000-horsepower Diesel locomotives awaiting their inspection. Mr. F. L. King, general superintendent of transportation for the railroad, spoke to patients on job opportunities and inside angles in railroading. The session was one of the "What's Your Job" series sponsored by Separation Counseling Service. Sgt. Joseph Blackburn arranged with the railroad for the class.

## 4 'Black Devils in Baggy Pants' Receive Care Here

By CPL. LEE KING

So many of them didn't come back from their missions—the super-commandos of the First Special Service Force, whose men slipped like shadows into enemy territory from Kiska to Italy and through every European door to Berlin.

They were the terror of all Hitlerites who fearfully gave them the title of "the black devils in baggy pants."

Three of the "black devils in baggy pants" who did return from the fighting exploits that rival those of the legendary "Phantom" are now receiving specialized Army medical care here in McGuire.

Sgt. Albert A. Brumfield, 24-year-old SS Forceman from Blairs, Va., arrived about two months ago, and is now in Ward 10 recuperating from a recent operation to correct spinal injuries received in combat action in Italy.

Twenty-four-year-old Sgt. George P. Long of Philadelphia, Pa., has been a patient here since last December, and is now on a 30-day furlough.

Sgt. Charles J. Steele of Berlin, Md., is 28 years old and was admitted to McGuire last October. Steele,

with the assistance of SSF buddies Long and Brumfield, was recently married in the Post Chapel, and is now honeymooning.

The First Special Service Force was born during a meeting between General George C. Marshall and Prime Minister Churchill in 1942 at Chequers.

### UNDER JOINT COMMAND

Composed of Canadian and American troops fighting under a single command for the first time in history, this hard-hitting outfit became the most widely trained and versatile combat unit of the war.

The men were given every type of training from ski to sky, and were hardened to every type of terrain, climate and weather discomfort. They became adept in the use of every type of weapon and were specialists in demolition.

On their left shoulders, the men of the FSSF wore a red arrow on which appeared "USA-Canada."

While on the job, they wore dark woolen beanies instead of GI helmets, and dark, baggy un-GI pants. They smeared their faces with black goo, and put their wrapped-up dog tags in pockets stuffed with the characteristic divisional "stickers" they liked to paste on the vast amount of destroyed enemy equipment, key positions, and enemy dead.

The stickers each showed a red arrow on which was printed in white the letters "USA-Canada," and under the arrow was an inscription printed in German: "Das dicke ende kommt noch," which in universal GI means, "Your number's coming up next."

## Russians Paid With 12,000,000 Lives

Berlin (CNS)—Between 12 and 15 million Russians, of whom about half were soldiers and half civilians, died on the eastern battlefronts in this war, Soviet military sources estimated.



# McGuirite Wins Idea Prize No. 15

George T. League, civilian personnel counselor, knows that suggestions pay off.

McGuire's Suggestion Committee, of which Lt. Velma R. White is chairman, this week awarded Mr. League a \$25 check for his fifteenth prize in the War Department's suggestion program. His net take on good ideas now totals a cool \$550.

His newest prize is in return for suggesting a reinforcing strap on the oil filter for a jeep, which previously, he explains, was easily broken and cost the government large amounts each year in repairs.

The idea was turned in while Mr. League was employed at Ordnance Service Command Shop in Richmond. It was one of 31 suggestions he made, of which 15 were adopted.

What to do with his latest prize presented little problem for Mr. League. He's turning it into a War Bond.

For his second award on one suggestion, Mr. James Thompson, janitor, will soon receive \$7.50 for his suggestion last fall to melt down soap to a liquid solution in water, thus making the limited supply go further. The idea originally earned him a \$5 prize. The plan was instituted in Valley Forge General Hospital, Fort Meade and Indian-town Gap Military Reservation where it will save an estimated \$150 the first year, for which Mr. Thompson receives his additional award.

Other awards announced include a letter of commendation to Cpl. Irene DuBois, Medical Service, for a suggestion on protection of clinical records and a 3-day pass to Pfc. Barney Belkin, formerly of A & D Office, who submitted a plan for a poster on conservation.



## Post Theater

Week of Thursday, May 31. Shows start at 6:15 and 8:15 p.m. Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. Patients not admitted to 8:15 show.

**THURSDAY AND FRIDAY**—"The Conflict," with Humphrey Bogart, Alexis Smith, Sydney Greenstreet.

**SATURDAY**—"Pin-Up Girl," with Betty Grable, Joe E. Brown, Martha Raye.

**SUNDAY AND MONDAY**—"See My Lawyer," with Olsen and Johnson, Grace McDonald.

**TUESDAY**—Double Feature Program—"Swing Out Sister," with Red Cameron, Billie Burke, Arthur Treacher. "The Chicago Kid," with Donald Barry, Lynne Roberts.

**WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY**—"Those Endearing Young Charms," with Robert Young, Laraine Day.

## Want a Discharge? Get Medal of Honor

Washington (CSN)—Officers and enlisted men (except regular Army officers) who have been awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor will be released from military service upon their own application, the WD announced in a BPR release dated May 8, 1945.

## Brace Yourself, Now

Richmond, Va. (CNS)—Much-married Pauline Condon has asked the court for a divorce from her 15th husband. The charge: He hit her on the head with his artificial leg.

## Vager on Der Fuehrer

New York (CNS)—The Broadway "Book" on Adolf Hitler is laying odds on the prospect of his re-appearance. For \$1 you can get \$100 if Der Fuehrer turns up riding a burro in the Bronx.

## McGuire-Ordnance Box Score

McGUIRETTES	AB.	R.	H.
Barmoy, 2b.	3	1	1
Frith, cf.	3	0	1
Vejvoda, sf.	3	0	1
Hardy, 3b.	3	0	1
Crapo, c.	3	0	0
Hines, 1b.	3	2	2
Poore, p.	3	0	1
Hare, lf.	3	0	1
Newsome, ss.	2	0	0
Klindienst, rf.	2	0	0
Totals	28	3	7
ORDNANCE	AB.	R.	H.
E. Goodwin, sf.	3	0	0
M. Goodwin, 2b.	2	0	0
Henderson, 1b.	3	1	2
Smith, c.	3	1	1
Eider, p.	3	1	3
Nuckals, lf.	2	1	1
Wood, 3b.	3	0	2
Breeding, ss.	2	0	0
Fears, rf.	3	0	1
Leftwich, cf.	2	0	0
Totals	26	4	10

Score by innings: 000 022 0-4  
McGuirettes 100 010 1-3  
Errors—McGuirettes, 3; Ordnance, 1.  
Stolen bases—Hines, 3; Frith, 1; Poore, 1; Eider, 1; Nuckals, 1; Wood, 1; Breeding, 1. Bases on balls—off Poore, 3. Strikeouts—by Poore, 2; by Eider, 4.

## Mixed Drinks Their Specialty

New York (CNS)—When the liquor ran low at a house party in the Bronx, two girls, anxious over the morale of the two soldiers they were entertaining, tossed a rock through the window of a Third Avenue liquor store, lifted two display jugs of rye and returned to the house to resume the party. Ten minutes later the party was disrupted permanently by mad dashes for the latrine. The stolen liquor bottles contained not rye, but turpentine.

## Size of Peacetime Army Not Yet Set

Washington (CNS)—The War Department has emphasized that it has set no arbitrary figure in its plans for a peacetime standing army. The size of the regular Army which the WD will recommend after the war will depend "upon the condition of the world, the commitments of the U. S. at that time and the military policy adopted by Congress.

# Gens Meet Bellwood In 2 League Frays

A victory over the Naval Training Station under their belts, the McGuire Generals were idle this week due to a Capital City Softball League open date, but meet Bellwood in a pair of loop tilts on Thursday and Friday nights.

A big second inning, which saw the entire team go to bat and five runs cross the plate, sparked the Generals to their 8-1 victory over the Sailors and their initial win

in league play last Thursday night at Byrd Park.

The Generals clipped Rufe Lane, eccentric Sailor moundsman, for only seven hits, but four of them were doubles which, combined with nine walks issued by Lane, more than provided the winning punch. The win over the Sailors was

## Softballers Open Team To Patients

Members of the McGuire Generals slid down the players' bench this week to make room for patients interested in joining the team.

Coach Bob Conway issued the call for patients to try out for the team, in a move to make the Generals as representative of the post as possible.

"Any patient," Conway declared, "who feels that his physical condition permits his playing is welcome to a tryout."

He cited the small size of the present club to emphasize the need for additional players. With the impending loss of several key men to other posts, the team faces danger of being totally crippled, he pointed out.

"Patients should remember," asserted Conway, who is chief of the Military Personnel Branch, "that a patient's discharge or disposition from the hospital is determined by a disposition board on a medical basis. His playing on the post team has nothing to do with his future status as a patient."

Patients interested can call Mr. Conway on 462.

## Batting Averages

McGuire Generals batting averages, including game of Thursday, May 24:

	AB.	R.	H.	Pct.
Cheswick	2	0	1	.500
Conway	7	2	3	.429
Morris	3	1	1	.333
Wolf	7	0	2	.286
Allison	8	0	2	.250
Weinstein	4	1	1	.250
Coggins	5	2	1	.200
Diamond	5	3	0	.000
Miller	3	0	0	.000
Atmanchik	5	0	0	.000
Roffman	6	0	0	.000
Sheehan	5	0	0	.000
Ancypowic	2	0	0	.000
Bianco	2	0	0	.000
Totals	64	9	11	.172

Batting averages for the McGuirettes, including game of May 23:

	AB.	R.	H.	Pct.
Vejvoda	7	2	4	.571
Viav	3	0	1	.333
C. Hines	3	0	1	.333
Poore	7	0	2	.286
Barmoy	8	2	2	.250
B. Hines	8	2	2	.250
Newsome	7	1	1	.143
Hare	5	1	0	.000
Blitva	5	0	0	.000
Barlas	2	0	0	.000
Frith	5	0	0	.000
Klindienst	6	0	0	.000
Crapo	6	1	0	.000
Redden	3	1	0	.000
Bowles	1	0	0	.000
Totals	76	9	13	.171

**BULLETIN!**

Tonight's game with Bellwood has been cancelled at Bellwood's request. Friday's game will be played as scheduled.

the first time a McGuire athletic team ever has defeated the NTS in any sport and squared the season series between the two softball teams at a win apiece. The Sailors won the opening league game, 6-1 behind the three-hit pitching of Lane.

## ATMANCHIK STARS

Johnny Atmanchik was nicked for only two hits in the Generals first victory of the year, while his mates played near-errorless ball behind him. Although he struck out only two men and walked three, Atmanchik tightened up in the clinches and was aided by sparkling support in the two innings he was in trouble. The Sailors counted their only run in the third inning on one hit, a walk and an error after loading the bases with one out.

The Generals jumped off to a one run lead in the first inning. Sid Diamond drew a walk, went to second while Charley Coggins was being put out at first, and scored on Bob Conway's double to center.

In the second, the Generals pushed over five runs, with the entire team going to bat in the inning. Two hits, five walks and a pair of errors accounted for the tallies, as Lane blew sky high. The final two markers counted in the fourth when Coggins walked and scored on Conway's line drive to right center which the fielder misjudged on the bounce allowing the manager to circle the bases.

## Box scores:

	AB.	R.	H.	Pct.
NTS				
Rice, lf.	2	0	0	
Biltz, lf.	1	0	0	
Banjo, rf.	3	0	0	
Stevens, c.	2	0	0	
Cowan, sf.	1	0	0	
Lemerise, sf.	1	0	0	
Tonono, 3b.	1	0	0	
Forese, cf.	1	0	0	
Andrews, cf.	0	0	0	
Cadman, ss.	1	0	0	
Connolly, 1b.	2	1	1	
McDonald, 2b.	2	0	0	
Lane, p.	1	0	1	

	AB.	R.	H.	Pct.
Generals				
Diamond, sf.	1	2	0	
Coggins, 3b.	2	2	1	
Conway, ss.	2	2	2	
Allison, c.	3	0	1	
Atmanchik, p.	1	0	0	
Morris, 1b.	1	1	1	
Roffman, lf.	3	0	0	
Sheehan, rf.	3	0	0	
Wolf, cf.	3	0	1	
Weinstein, 2b.	2	1	1	

Totals 21 8 7

Score by innings: 001 000-1

Errors—McGuire, 1; NTS, 3. Two-base hits—Coggins, Conway (2), Morris. Stolen bases—Coggins, Morris, Connolly, Lane. Bases on balls—off Atmanchik, 3; off Lane, 4. Strikeouts—by Atmanchik, 2; Lane, 1.

Uncle sam will give you four dollars for three. BUY A WAR BOND!



He SHOULD feel small! Kitchen wastes are valuable, and they MUST be carefully separated—grease, edible garbage, bones and trimmings, inedible waste.

## Male Call

by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"



## Bum Check at a Blood Bank

